UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

SCANSOFT, INC.)
Plaintiff,)
v.) Civil Action No. 04-10353 PBS
VOICE SIGNAL TECHNOLOGIES, INC., LAURENCE S. GILLICK, ROBERT S. ROTH, JONATHAN P. YAMRON, and MANFRED G. GRABHERR	ORAL ARGUMENT REQUESTED
Defendants.)))

SCANSOFT, INC.'S MOTION FOR A PROTECTIVE ORDER LIMITING PARTIES TO TEN DEPOSITIONS

Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. Rule 26(c), plaintiff ScanSoft, Inc. moves for a protective order limiting defendant Voice Signal Technologies, Inc. ("VST") to ten depositions, as set forth in Fed. R. Civ. P. 30(a)(2)(A) and Local Rule 26.1(c). The grounds for this motion are set forth in the accompanying Memorandum and attached exhibits.

Accordingly, ScanSoft respectfully requests that the Court grant this motion and that defendants be limited to ten depositions of fact witnesses.

CERTIFICATE PURSUANT LOCAL RULES 7.1 AND 37.1

I certify that on May 25 and May 26, 2005, counsel for the parties conferred by telephone in an effort to resolve the issues presented in this motion, and that the parties were unable to reach an accord.

Dated: May 26, 2005 SCANSOFT, INC., By its attorneys,

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